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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: D. Tran
TAKATOSHI OHTA)
: Group Art Unit: 2624
Appln. No.: 09/340,463)
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Filed: June 28, 1999)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD)
AND APPARATUS : May 12, 2004

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The Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 6.

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